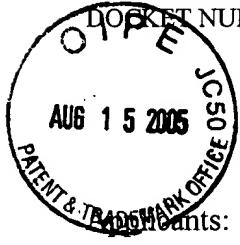


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir,

This is in response to an Office Action dated 14 February 2005 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 15 August 2004 (14 August 2005 being a Sunday). A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: